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American Grown Hardy
Rhododendrons

For Garden and Estate Decoration



Cottage Gardens Company, Inc.
Nurseries
Queens, Long Island, New York

HOW TO REACH OUR NURSERIES

Our Nurseries are situated at Queens, Long Island, about twelve miles from the center of New York City and three miles east of Jamaica. They are easily reached by automobile via the Queensboro Bridge, Queens Boulevard and Hillside Avenue. They can also be reached by train from Pennsylvania Station. Visitors coming by train will be met at Queens Station if they will notify us of the time of their intended arrival.

PACKING AND DELIVERY

Where stock is shipped as carload, no charge will be made for packing, but where shipments are forwarded as broken freight or express, packing will be charged at cost.

We can make delivery by wagon or motor truck within a distance of fifty miles for which a reasonable charge will be made.

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FEW OF THE SHRUBS available for garden and estate decoration possess the beauty and usefulness of the Rhododendron. Evergreen, with glossy laurel-like foliage, it has a distinction of its own through all four seasons, while early June turns the spot it adorns into a fairyland of vari-colored bloom. Every garden where the beautiful and unusual is desired should boast of some sort of Rhododendron plantation.

Although fine when grown as specimens, the most beautiful effect will be obtained from mass planting, with tall growing evergreens used as a background. The planting can also be made more interesting by planting in the foreground some of the dwarf Rhododendrons, Japanese Azaleas, Andromedas and Leucothoe. Lilies also do well if planted amongst Rhododendrons, and they are very effective during mid-summer.

We are now growing here on Long Island thousands of plants of all the choicest varieties formerly imported from European countries, and can offer an assortment unsurpassed in this country, in colors ranging from pure white to the deepest crimson.

Cultural Directions

Rhododendrons will succeed best in a partly shaded situation that is sheltered from the prevailing winds, but under no consideration should they be planted in the heavy shade, as this is worse than full exposure to the sunshine. Also avoid planting near large trees, as the roots of these will rob them of the necessary moisture.

Rhododendrons prefer a light loamy soil which should be dug to a depth of two feet, and to get the best results add a quantity of leaf-mould or rotted manure, which should be thoroughly incorporated in the soil. The plants should be set at the same depth they stood in the nursery, easily seen by the ring on

the neck of the plant, and the soil firmly packed about the roots. If the soil is dry, a good heavy watering should be given immediately after planting.

As Rhododendrons are surface rooting plants, a light mulch of thoroughly rotted manure, for the purpose of enriching the soil and keeping the earth moist during the intense heat of summer, will be found beneficial. It is also advisable to protect the roots during the winter months with a six inch coating of leaves, part of which should be removed during early spring. During an extended drought the plants should receive a heavy watering weekly, applied preferably in the late afternoon.

The best time to plant Rhododendrons is during the months of April, May, August, September, and October.

All of the plants herein offered are Cottage Gardens grown, which implies stock of the very highest quality, and the varieties are those which have proved best adapted to our climatic conditions.

If you are not familiar with the many varieties of the Rhododendron, we shall be very glad to make the selection for you.

List of Rhododendrons

Album Elegans

A fine variety for the background of plantings. Very tall grower. Bud a delicate blush opening to a pure white bloom. Price, 3-4 ft., \$7.50 each.

Album Grandiflorum

Similar to the above in color, but has smaller foliage and is more spreading in habit. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

Album Noveum

Very large conspicuous flower truss opening a beautiful shell-pink, fading to pure white. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

Amphion

A very distinct variety with large pointed truss. The color is a bright rose becoming white toward the base of the petals. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Atrosanguinea

Deep blood-red. Flower of great substance and fine foliage. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

Boule de Neige

Pure white. A low growing variety; fine for foreground. Price, 1½ ft., \$5.00 each.

Caractacus

Rich purplish-crimson; a fine flower truss and good foliage. One of the best varieties to grow as a single specimen. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

Catawbiense Alba

White, with fine foliage and splendid habit of plant. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

Catawbiense Grandiflora

Light purple with dark glossy green foliage. Very compact in habit. Makes a splendid specimen. Price, 3½-4 ft., \$10.00 each.

Charles Dickens

Glowing scarlet. Considered one of the best reds. An excellent variety for massing where a strong color is desired. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

Delicatissima

A beautiful variety. Color blush-white with pink. Fine glossy foliage. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Edward S. Rand

Beautiful crimson with yellow center. Plant is of compact habit, with good foliage. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Everestianum

One of the finest Rhododendrons. Rosy lilac spotted and fringed; of medium height and fine foliage. Price, 1½ ft., \$5.00 each.

F. D. Godman

Dark red variety with large handsome truss; a vigorous grower. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Fastuosum

Lilac, fading to lavender; immense truss, remaining long in bloom; very showy and desirable. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Giganteum

Pale rosy crimson. A very distinct and beautiful variety. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

H. H. Hunnewell

Dark rich crimson; good habit; fine foliage. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

H. W. Sargent

Rich crimson; immense truss. A vigorous grower with large glossy foliage. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

Henrietta Sargent

Clear pink with yellowish-green blotches. A dwarf compact grower with good foliage. Price, 1½ ft., \$5.00 each.

James McIntosh

Rosy scarlet. A splendid free blooming variety of medium height. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Lady Armstrong

Pale rose beautifully spotted. The very best of the pink Rhododendrons. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Lady Grey Egerton

Silvery-blush; splendid truss and foliage. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Memoir

White with faint blush. Makes a splendid specimen plant. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Madam Carvalho

Clear white with greenish brown spots. A very distinct variety of compact habit. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Mrs. C. S. Sargent

One of the very best. Clear rose-pink with fine large glossy foliage. Price, 3-3½ ft., \$10.00 each.

Old Port

Deep maroon purple; good foliage. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

Parson's Gloriosum

Rosy pinkish-white; splendid habit of plant; makes a good specimen. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Parson's Grandiflora

Clear rose; fine truss; good foliage and free bloomer. Makes an excellent plant for the background. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Purpureum Elegans

Purple; good foliage. The best of the purple varieties. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Roseum Elegans

Clear pale pink. Free flowering and a splendid variety to grow as a single specimen. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Roseum Superbum

Clear rosy pink. Habit of plant similar to the above. Price, 3 ft., \$7.50 each.

Sefton

Dark maroon with good foliage. Price, 2½ ft., \$5.00 each.

Dwarf Growing Plants For Use With Rhododendrons

The following list of dwarf growing plants are well adapted for finishing the foreground planting of Rhododendron groups. They are all evergreen, with attractive flowers and foliage.

Rhododendron Punctatum

A dwarf variety with delicate pink flowers and dark green foliage, which takes on a bronze appearance in Winter. Price, 12 inches, \$2.50 each.

Rhododendron Wilsoni

A very fine dwarf species with narrow, dark green leaves and pink flowers. **Price, 12-15 in., \$2.50 each.**

Andromeda Floribunda

An excellent evergreen shrub of compact habit. The pure white flowers which open in early spring contrast beautifully with the dark foliage. One of the most attractive of our native shrubs. **Price, 12-15 in., \$3.00 each.**

Andromeda Catesbaei

A very showy plant, with beautiful glossy foliage and long drooping racemes of pure white flowers. One of the most desirable American plants. **Price, 15-18 in., \$2.00 each.**

Andromeda Japonica

A low shrub with drooping racemes of small white wax-like flowers which appear in early May. Also beautiful shining deep green leaves. **Price, 15-18 in., \$3.00 each.**

Azalea Amoena

Evergreen Japanese Azalea of moderately bushy habit, with deep pink flowers in the latter part of May. In many localities it can be made to form a magnificent hedge. Its deep green foliage assumes brilliant bronzy-red tints in the fall. **Price, 1½ ft., \$2.50 each.**

Azalea Hinodigiri

A magnificent variety from Japan. The color is a striking shade of bright carmine-pink. Has fine large glossy foliage which takes on a fiery red appearance during the fall and winter months. **Price, 15 in., \$2.50 each.**

Azalea Hatsugiri

A very dwarf variety with single lavender flowers produced in great profusion in early May. Has very small evergreen foliage, and will never attain a height of over two feet. **Price, 15-18 in., \$5.00 each.**

Wonderful Ground Cover Plant

***Pachysandra Terminalis* (Japanese Spurge)**

One of the very best ground cover plants, with dark glossy evergreen foliage, grows luxuriantly in shady places and can be used to good advantage underneath Rhododendrons, or as an edging for plantings. Price, \$2.50 per dozen; \$15.00 per 100.

The beautiful illustration on the cover of this booklet is from a photograph of the famous Rhododendron planting at Highland Park, Rochester, New York. No better proof could be given of the beauty and hardiness of these plants.

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